

# 1524

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- THE WEEKLY FREE NO-THEME 'ZINE-

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# Intro

## The Unlucky Number?

Nah, I don't think so. You see this week's 1324 zine is possible one of the finest yet. There's facts about the *Tokyo Tower*, the history of the condom machine (and its inventor), plenty of news from the world of retro gaming, colourful murals from *Valparaíso* (Chile) and what do the words *Hikikomori* and *Kuchisabishhi* actually mean? If you reckon **1324** is a magazine worth reading, then please share the PDF (or any of our [tweets](#)) by any means: it really helps our readership grow. Enjoy reading the zine and hopefully until next week!

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# Weather

## Does it brighten up your day?



**Daloa**  
Ivory Coast  
33° C / 91 °F



**Cebu**  
Philippines  
26 °C / 78 °F



**Mar del Plata**  
Argentina  
22 °C / 71 °F

# Out Now

## Don't bother, currently out of order:



This broken down IX Pod(?) was seen at *Sainsbury's* in Birmingham, UK. It looks strangely futuristic. Does it have a huge screen inside? Thanks to [Elliot Brown](#) for the picture. Spotted an *Out Of Order* sign yourself? Please [send it to us!](#)

# Go Dutch

## In one word a week

**'Zeker'** (adjective/adverb)  
pronounce: say-ker

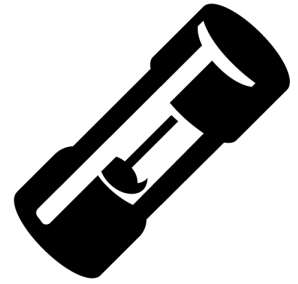
This word translates to 'certain(ly)' / 'sure'

## In a sentence

*Weet je zeker dat je deur op slot hebt gedaan?*  
Are you sure you locked the door?

## Also...

*Een zekerheidje* (something that is certain to happen)  
*Een zekering* (a fuse)  
*Zeker weten!* ('For sure!')  
*Onzeker* (uncertain)  
*Zekerstellen* (Securing)



# Little known facts

## The Tokyo Tower

is a communications and observation tower in the *Shiba-koen* district of *Minato*, Tokyo. The tower was completed in 1958, but, at 332.9 meters (1,092 ft) is still the second-tallest structure in Japan. The tower's main sources of income are tourism and antenna leasing. Over 150 million people have visited the tower. *FootTown*, a four-story building directly under the tower, houses museums, restaurants and shops. Departing from there, guests can visit two observation decks. The two-story *Main Deck* (formerly known as the *Main Observatory*) is at 150 meters (490 ft), while the smaller *Top Deck* (formerly known as the "Special Observatory") reaches a height of 249.6 meters (819 ft). The names were changed following renovation of the top deck in 2018. Every five years, the red/white tower is repainted in a process that takes about a year to complete.

# Trivia

## Plenty of questions. Can you come up with the answers?

- [01] What's the highest number on a roulette wheel?
- [02] Where does a *Sous-chef* work?
- [03] Which city was the Titanic heading to before disaster struck?
- [04] What's the name of the pirate in *The Goonies*?
- [05] Which soda came on the market first: *7up* or *Sprite*?
- [06] What did *Walter White* throw on top of his house?
- [07] What was ARPANET?
- [08] If *Deuce* is called during *Roland Garros* which phrase is used?
- [09] Who wrote the children's books *Little House on the Prairie*?
- [10] Is there a time difference between Greece and South Africa?
- [11] What colour is *Barney the Dinosaur*?
- [12] Which country won the most *Eurovision Song Contests*?
- [13] What does the abbreviation LED stand for?
- [14] Name three characters played or voiced by *Rowan Atkinson*.
- [15] What's the name for the Mongolian round tents?

Answers on page four.

# From the Machine: The Condom Machine

Insert your safety budget

I personally never had any use for these machines, but I reckon it's very good they are around. Better safe than sorry, after all. So what can be said about them?

## The History

First of all, a little history. Condom vending machines were introduced by *Julius Fromm's* company (no the name of the company isn't missing, that IS the name of the company). Julius Fromm (4 March 1883 – 12 May 1945) was a Polish-German entrepreneur, chemist and (most importantly) one of the inventors of the rubber condom itself. His company also made several other elastomeric (viscoelastic) products such as rubber gloves and hot water bottles.

In 1912, Fromm invented the *cement dipping* method, which made a thinner, seamless condom. Instead of working with rubber as a solid material, it was mixed with gasoline or benzene. This made it a liquid in which molds could be dipped. Fromm patented his invention in 1916. Mass production of this new type of condoms started in 1922 and was a great success. Fromm's *Act*, as they were called, became the first brand-name condoms and even allowed the entrepreneur to open up branches in Denmark, the United Kingdom, Poland, and the Netherlands. In 1928, the first condom **vending machines** were installed by Fromm's company. They further helped sales even though the interior ministry only allowed it to advertise the



A 'Condomat' was under the *LEGO Bridge* in Wuppertal, Germany (see issue #7).

hygienic advantages of condoms, not the condom's use as a contraceptive, because it feared a further decrease of the birth rate.

Ten years later disaster struck. Under Nazi rule, the government forced Fromm to sell his factories for 116,000 Reichsmark, a fraction of their real value, to Baroness Elisabeth von Epenstein, *Hermann Göring's* godmother. The process was known as

*aryanization*, and involved selling or auctioning property of Jews at well below market value to German citizens. A year later Fromm emigrated to London, where he died on 12 May 1945. Fromm's estate, which was worth the equivalent of approximately 30 million Euros, had already been auctioned off in May 1943, though many items including a grand piano, plates, and his library had already been bought or stolen before. His legacy was not easily reclaimed by his relatives after the war however. This tragedy was eventually published in a [book](#).

## Current day

These days condom machines can be found all over the world. They are usually found in public toilets for men and in public transport buildings such as train stations or rest stops and in restaurants. However, many of them can also be seen outside, particularly in areas known for tourism and/or prostitution. Many pharmacies also keep one outside, for after-hours access. Worldwide youth organizations also advocate condom vending machines in schools and associated educational workshops to protect young people from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Some of the condom machines even sell internal (female) condoms or sex toys like mini-vibrators, vibrating penis-rings and something called 'travel vagina's' (I'll leave that up to your imagination -ed). TMYK, eh?

# Month of Masks

Just how pampered can a face become?!



Also available with either *Avacado* or *Honey* extract.

## [4] Face sheet mask -Pearl extract

All the way from Korea (*South Korea*, one would guess) comes this Face 'sheet' mask with Pearl extract. It should help 'brightening' your face and with acne. It's a sheet mask, so just get it out of the package and go go to zone-out zone.

**Ingredients:** *Water, Dipropylene glycol, 1,2-Hexanediol, Niacinamide, Polyglyceryl-4 caprate, Propylene Glycol Dicaprylate/dicaprate, Arginine, Carbomer, Butylene Glycol, Panthenol, Benzyl Glycol, Ethylhexylglycerin, Pearl Extract* (there it is! -ed), *Disodium Edta, Adenosine, Hydroxyethylcellulose, Rosemary extract, Raspberry ketone, Green Tea extract, Fruit Oil...* (the list goes on).

## Any good?

Yes! This definitely was one of the better masks I've tested for this zine. It was quite wet (quite a bit more than I expected), so they definitely didn't skimp on the ingredients. The mask was a little larger than the *hangover* mask (see **1324** issue #11) so it covered my face rather well. The mask really smelt like lemons, probably because of the *limonene* (which may cause irritation from contact dermatitis, beware!) and fruits oils used. It gave off a real fresh sensation on my skin and afterwards my skin felt smooth. I'd say: *try it!* but, as always, check the ingredients before use.



# As good as Retro

## Updates from the land of Retro Gaming

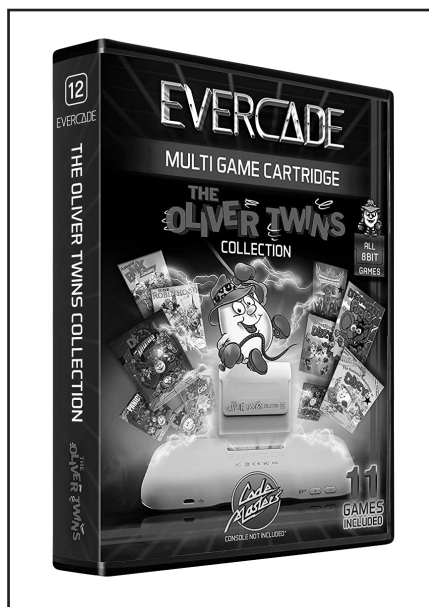
A bumper edition of *AGAR* this week, as we're sure there's plenty of you who don't mind! There's eggs, crystals, spaceships and dragons. Wow.

### The Oliver Arcade

Another new *Evercade* cartridge (the series already hit volume #12) has just been released: *The Oliver Twins Collection*. For those of you who don't know who the *Oliver Twins* are: they are twin brothers from the UK who released many, many games. They were most famous for their *Dizzy* games (puzzle/adventure games with an egg(!) as the protagonist), but they were involved in over 100(!) video games. The *Evercade* multi game cartridge has 11 of them, including: *Treasure Island Dizzy*, *The Fantastic Adventures of Dizzy*, *Go! Dizzy Go!*, *Dizzy The Adventurer*, *Panic Dizzy*, *Wonderland Dizzy*, *Mystery World Dizzy*, *BMX Simulator*, *FireHawk*, *DreamWorld Pogie* and *Super Robin Hood*. The pack isn't all that expensive at £14.99/€19.99, but perhaps even better is the fact that all profits from this cartridge will go to the *National Videogame Museum* in Sheffield.

### Vinyl Spaceships

Remember *Ikaruga*? This cult classic first hit the arcade, then the Dreamcast before finally arriving in digital form for the XBOX 360 and the Android and Windows operating systems. If you've enjoyed its music, you'll be glad to know



Can't say I have played many of the games on this pack, but for £14.99 there's probably more hours of gameplay in this pack than in many releases for current-gen systems.

online retailer *Data-Discs* has just opened [pre-orders](#) for a vinyl record which has 10 tracks of the game. The vinyl is accompanied by four lithographic prints with beautiful illustrations by *Yasushi Suzuki* and an obi strip (a.k.a. a 'Spine card'). The limited 'clear' edition has already sold out, but the black and white versions are still available to order (price: £20.99).

### High Definition Gems

Another classic was released just a few weeks ago: *Crystal Caves HD*. As the name implies it's an HD version of the 1991 DOS game *Crystal Caves*. The classic platform game with many puzzle elements (originally published by *Apogee*) now has new difficulty levels, cloud Saves, a new OST in the classic style and even a level editor. The four episodes already offer plenty of action, but by the time you're reading this another 100+ have been created by the community. You might even find a few made by the editor of this zine! The game's available from [GoG](#) and [Steam](#) for just €6.59/\$7.85

### Pocket Dragons

It's one of the best selling systems ever: the original 'brick' *Game Boy*. You could say it's loved by many and that's why there's still new games being made for it by many an Indie studio. The latest is called *Dragonborne*, an adventure RPG, developed by *SpaceBot Interactive*. They promise: '6-7 hours of gameplay, various weapon and armour upgrades, puzzles, dungeons, multiple enemies, character zapping system, ranking system dependent on how you finish the game, various collectibles, mini quests, multiple endings and much more!!'. Intrigued? Take a look at their website (complete with pre-order page) [here](#).

## Say it in Japanese

### Should you invite a *Hikokimori* with *Kuchisabishii* for dinner?

Each language has single words or phrases that say 'a whole lot more'. These words just can't be translated into a new (single) word which means *exactly* the same. Take the Dutch word 'gezelligheid', for example. Depending on context, it can be translated as 'coziness', 'conviviality' or 'fun'. It is often used to describe a *social and relaxed situation*, but it can also indicate 'belonging, time spent with loved ones, catching up with an old friend or just the general togetherness that gives people a warm feeling'.

See what I mean? The Japanese language has many words and phrases like 'gezelligheid': words that have no literal one-word translation or explanation. Here's a few examples you have or might have not heard about:

### Otaku

In the west, this term is adopted to denote a zealous fan, usually of anime and/or manga. However, it may be best to keep in mind the modern Japanese image of an *otaku* is that of someone who only leaves their home to eat or shop, if at all, with an overwhelming and unhealthy obsession about something.

### Hikikomori

This literally translates to 'pulling inward, being confined', but is a term used for people (or lifestyle) in total withdrawal from society and seeking extreme degrees of social isolation and confinement. Although the phenomenon was first documented in Japan, it also occurs in other countries.

### Nijikon

This is a Japanese term which loosely translates to '2D Complex'. It's used to describe the affective perception certain people have that 'two-dimensional' anime, manga, light novels are more attractive (visually, physically or emotionally) than people from the real world. It can be expressed, to some degree, as a genuine sexual orientation in which the person loses interest in real-life people, but develop feelings of love and sentimental attachment to two-dimensional characters.

### Kuchisabishii

This is a funny one. *Kuchisabishii* literally translates to 'Lonely mouth'. It's used in situations when you're not hungry, but you eat because your mouth is 'lonely'. You could also compare it to eating simply because you're bored or eating because of stress.

# FREE: Games

Halloween ain't over yet!

The EPIC game store is [giving away](#) another two free games this week: *Blair Witch* and *Ghostbusters: The Video Game remastered*. You can download both games from the EPIC store until november 5 for free.

They also have a Halloween Sale going on, with discounts of up to 75% on games like *The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt*, *Red Dead Redemption 2*, *Control -Ultimate Edition*, *Shenmue III*, *Inside* and *Overcooked*.



Get bustin' for free this week.

## Quality Quote

Words to go by

*'We should all start to live before we get too old. Fear is stupid. So are regrets'*

-Marilyn Monroe

## 1324 Online

Website address

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The official site is frequently updated with the download links to each and every issue as well as an overview of all the included topics. Take a look why don't you?

# Paint be Pretty

Why Valparaíso is Chile's most colourful city



One of the many, many murals in Valparaíso, Chile. Picture by: [Renata Mascarello](#)

Valparaíso is considered one of Latin America's most impressive cities. The city is located on several steep slopes that open into the Pacific Ocean and form a natural amphitheater. It's also a very *colourful* city: the streets are full of colourful houses and you will find amazing street art everywhere. [Parque Cultural de Valparaíso](#), for example, is a large creative space with many galleries, training rooms for theater, dance, music and even a circus.

Valparaíso has many hills. The *Ascensor Polanco* ('White lift') consists of a tunnel, a tower (which houses the lift itself) and a runway and will take you to the top of one of them: Cerro Polanco. The lift is an interesting structure by itself, but the hill is covered in hundreds(!) of murals and graffiti pieces. Another great place for street art lovers is *Cerro Bellavista* or ('Beautiful View Hill'). On the top of which you can find *Museo a Cielo Abierto* ('Open Air Museum') in which artists from Chile and beyond turned the houses into their canvases. Want to get out of the sun for a while? Visit the *Palacio Baburizza*, which houses a museum with a large collection of European and Chilean works.

If you're interested in seeing more of the colourful Valparaíso, make sure to check out the [Giova street art](#) channel on Instagram.

## Trivia: The Answers

Plenty of answers. Can you come up with the questions?

- [01] 36
- [02] In the kitchen (of a restaurant/hotel/cruise ship etc.)
- [03] New York
- [04] *One-eyed Willy*
- [05] *7up* (1929) was launched many years before *Sprite* (1961)
- [06] A pizza
- [07] The pre-cursor of the Internet
- [08] Quarante A / Égalité
- [09] *Laura Ingalls Wilder*
- [10] No, there is not.
- [11] He's purple with a green belly
- [12] That's Ireland (7 wins). Sweden has 6.
- [13] Light-Emitting Diode
- [14] Here a few: *Mr. Bean*, *Edmund Blackadder*, *Johnny English*, *Zazu*, *Inspector Raymond Fowler*, *Nigel Small-Fawcett*, *Mr. Stringer...*
- [15] Either Yurt or Ger

See you next week?

